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SUBJ: GOC REPORTS SIX TERRORISTS KILLED IN ATTACK ON MILITARY

REF: SANTIAGO A-7, A-243 OF 1973

LIMA FOR RSO

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1. MILITARY GOVERNOR DEPARTMENT OF QUILLOTA, PROVINCE OF VALPARAISO, ISSUED STATEMENT JAN 18 REPORTING ATTACK ON MILITARY "PATROL" IN EARLY MORNING HOURS SAME DAY. PATROL SAID TO HAVE BEEN MOVING TWO SOCIALIST PARTY DETAINEES, EX-MAYOR OF QUILLOTA PABLO GAC AND EX-PS CANDIDATE FOR FOR DEPUTY RUBEN CABEZAS. DURING ATTACK DETAINEES ESCAPED, BUT SIX EXTREMISTS KILLED. ARMY CAPTAIN IN COMMAND PATROL WOUNDED, VEHICLE DESTROYED. GOVERNOR'S REPORT CARRIED FULL NAMES SIX DEAD.

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2. INDEPENDENT CONSERVATIVE PA*ER EL MERCURIO J*N 22 CARRIED EDITORIAL REFERRING TO INCIDENT AN**CALLED ON GOC TO PROVIDE FULLER INFORMATION CONCERNING GENERAL SECURITY SITUATION TO MAKE PUBLIC AWARE OF DANGERS FACING COUNTRY AND ACTIONS GOC TAKING TO SAFEGUARD PEACE. EDITORIAL SAYS CONFIDENTIAL

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FULL INFORMATION NEED NOT LEAD TO SENSATIONALISM OR TO

INCITEMENT OF EXTREMIST ELEMENTS, BUT WOULD FURTHER SOLIDITY
CITIZENRY BEHIND AUTHORITIES. END UNCL.
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3. COMMENT. CIRCUMSTANCES THIS ALLEGED ATTACK STRIKINGLY
SIMILAR TO TWO PREVIOUS INCIDENTS REPORTED REF AIRGRAMS.
ABILITY OF AUTHORITIES IDENTIFY DEAD WITHIN FEW HOURS APPEARS
TO INDICATE EITHER THAT EXTREMISTS ARE CARRYING ID ON
MISSIONS OR GOC INTELLIGENCE REMARKABLY EFFICIENT. IN THREE
REPORTED INCIDENT* ATTACKERS HAVE LOST 18 DEAD AT COST 3
WOUNDED MILITARY, DESPITE PRESUMED ADVANTAGES TO ATTACKERS
OF SURPRISE.

4. THREE POSSI*LE EXPLANATIONS ARE: (A) ATTACKS TOOK PLACE
AS REPORTED BY GOC, INDICATING GREAT LUCK AND EFFICIENCY OF
MILITARY AND APPARENTLY UTTER INCOMPETENCE OF XTREMISTS;
(B) GOC INTELLIGENCE KNEW OF ATTACKS IN ADVANCE AND LAID
TRAPS, AS SOME REPORTS CLAIM (SEE REF AIRGRAMS); (C) INCIDENTS
WERE STAGED BY GOC TO COVER EXECUTIONS, ALSO CLAIMED IN SOME
QUARTERS AND DISCUSSED REF AIRGRAMS. AT THIS POINT WE ARE
UNABLE TO SAY WHICH EXPLANATION CORRECT OR MOST PROBABLE.

5. MERCURIO EDITORIAL APPEARS TO BE CAUTIOUS APPEAL TO GOC
TO EASE CENSORSHIP AND NEWS CONTROL. END CONF.
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